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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/722,486
Applicants: Masato HIRAMATSU, et al.
Filing Date: November 28, 2003
For: SEMICONDUCTOR STRUCTURE,
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, AND METHOD AND
APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME
Group Art Unit: 2811
Examiner: KANG, DONOGHEE

SIR:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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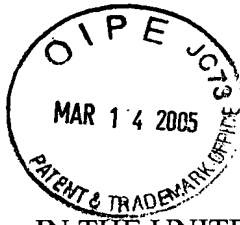
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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 14, 2005, Applicants elect without traverse Claims 1-4 and 12-18 as readable on Group I drawn to a semiconductor device. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

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Reply to the Office Action of February 14, 2005

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that an examination on the merits of Claims
1-4 and 12-18 be conducted.

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